



## Town of Richmond

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November 8, 2021 Meeting

**Selectmen present: Douglas Bersaw and Andrew Wallace**

**Selectmen absent: William Daniels**

**Public Present: Fran Heap**

**Non-Board member present: Susan Harrington**

**Meeting opened at 5:32 pm**

Wallace moved; Bersaw 2<sup>nd</sup>; Board voted to approve the manifest dated November 8, 2021 for week of October 29, 2021-November 4, 2021 in the amount of: \$ 95,077.85 for payroll/accounts payable. This amount includes a payment to All States Construction in the amount of \$88,338.87 for the paving of Fish Hatchery Road from Rte. 32 to Mill Road.

Cheshire County Sheriff's Log for October 2021 received.

Received two State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Forestry Statutory Permit by Notifications. File Number:2021-03306 for Cheshire County YMCA Map 411 Lots 005, 006, 007 expiration date of 10/26/23 and File Number 2021-03295 Van Hertel Map 401 Lot 007 expiration date of 10/25/23.

Letter from the State of New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration regarding RSA 21-J:11 II, 2020 Cyclical Review of Richmond. Final results were submitted on the Monitoring Inspection Report.

Bersaw moved; Wallace 2<sup>nd</sup>; Board voted to approve raffle permit for R. Skrocki from the Richmond Fire and Rescue to benefit the Richmond Fire & Rescue Association.

Wallace moved; Bersaw 2<sup>nd</sup>; Board voted to approve Building Permit for 37 Monument Road, Map 407 Lot 094 Sub 004, Owner-Machado.

Broadband Committee submitted to the Select Board, 3 Request for Information letters to the current internet providers in Richmond. Letters are to be typed on Town Letterhead. Harrington will have letters ready for Board signatures next Monday, November 15.

Board would like to speak with the Fire Chief regarding Occupancy permits and Fire Inspections next Monday at the Fire Department Budget Meeting for 2022.

Board asked Harrington to research oil and propane consumption for all the town buildings. Harrington will contact propane and oil companies to shop for best price.

Board discussed the Road Layout Hearing that will be held on November 17, 2021 at 7:00 at the Veteran's Memorial Hall.

**\*\*\* FRIENDLY REMINDER \*\*\***

THE TOWN HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES OF NOVEMBER:

- **Thursday, November 11, 2021** in observance of Veteran's Day.
- **Wednesday, November 24, 2021 and Thursday, November 25, 2021** in observance of Thanksgiving.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Harrington

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two*

AN ACT                    establishing a municipal road and bridge disaster relief fund.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1            1 New Section; Homeland Security and Emergency Management; Municipal Road and Bridge  
2 Disaster Relief Fund. Amend RSA 21-P by inserting after section 37-c the following new section:

3            21-P:37-d Municipal Road and Bridge Disaster Relief Fund.

4            I. A municipal road and bridge disaster relief fund is established in order to provide gap  
5 funding to municipalities that have experienced damage to their roads and bridges due to a natural  
6 disaster (a) while they wait for federal emergency assistance from the Federal Emergency  
7 Management Administration (FEMA), or (b) while they wait for other funding sources that will be  
8 used to more permanently rebuild their roads and bridges. This gap funding shall be used for  
9 temporary infrastructure repairs in order to facilitate the safe passage and access on municipal  
10 roads and bridges. The fund shall be nonlapsing and continually appropriated to the department of  
11 safety, division of homeland security and emergency management.

12            II. The municipal road and bridge disaster relief fund shall be used for the purposes  
13 described in paragraph I and shall be funded in the following manner:

14            (a) Municipalities wishing to draw from this fund in the future shall pay into the fund  
15 annually in an amount equal to .005 percent of their municipal budget.

16            (b) The sum of up to \$5,000,000 annually is hereby appropriated to this fund, until the  
17 funding reaches \$30,000,000. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any  
18 money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

19            (c) Any federal grant money received for purposes of municipal road and bridge disaster  
20 relief by the division of homeland security and emergency management may be deposited to this  
21 fund.

22            III. A municipality may draw from the municipal road and bridge disaster relief fund more  
23 than once in a calendar year.

24            IV. A municipality may only draw from the municipal road and bridge disaster relief fund if  
25 the amount of the total damage is greater than the municipality's annual municipal budget and the  
26 amount needed for temporary repairs is greater than what is available in the municipality's fund  
27 balance.

28            V. The division of homeland security and emergency management shall administer the  
29 expenditures from this fund. The department shall authorize municipal road and bridge disaster  
30 relief funds to the affected municipality upon receipt of:

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1 (a) An assessment report prepared by a certified road engineer outlining the costs of  
2 temporary repairs intended to make the roads and/or bridges damaged by a natural disaster safely  
3 passable.

4 (b) A letter to the commissioner of the department of safety and the director of the  
5 division of homeland security and emergency management from the municipality's governing body  
6 and budget committee, if any, requesting the amount needed to temporarily repair damage to roads  
7 and bridges resulting from a natural disaster.

8 (c) Demonstration that the roads and/or bridges which were damaged due to natural  
9 disaster are of significant and/or critical importance to commerce, or provides access into or out of  
10 the municipality.

11 VI. The director of the division of homeland security and emergency management shall  
12 adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A on procedures for municipal participation, applications,  
13 compliance requirements, and withdrawal requests, and for other matters necessary for the  
14 administration of this section.

15 2 Rulemaking; Municipal Road and Bridge Disaster Relief Fund. The director of the division of  
16 homeland security and emergency management shall adopt interim rules under RSA 541-A within  
17 30 days of the effective date of this act for the expeditious implementation of RSA 21-P:37-d.

18 3 New Subparagraph; State Treasury; Dedicated Funds. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b) by inserting  
19 after subparagraph (382) the following new subparagraph:

20 (383) Moneys in the municipal road and bridge disaster relief fund established in  
21 RSA 21-P:37-d.

22 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 45 days after its passage.

Amendment to HB 275

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT relative to the declaration of a state of emergency.  
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5 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:  
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7 1 Emergency Powers; Notice; Declaration and Termination of State of Emergency. Amend RSA  
8 4:45, I and II to read as follows:

9 I. The governor shall have the power to declare a state of emergency, as defined in RSA 21-  
10 P:35, VIII, by executive order if the governor finds that a natural, technological, or man-made  
11 disaster of major proportions is imminent or has occurred within this state, and that the safety and  
12 welfare of the inhabitants of this state require an invocation of the provisions of this section. As  
13 soon as practicable, the governor shall notify the speaker of the house of representatives and the  
14 senate president of the impending issuance of emergency orders under this section and provide a  
15 description of such orders. The general court shall have the same power to declare a state of  
16 emergency by concurrent resolution of the house and senate. An executive order or concurrent  
17 resolution declaring a state of emergency shall specify the:

- 18 (a) Nature of the emergency;  
19 (b) Political subdivisions or geographic areas subject to the declaration;  
20 (c) Conditions that have brought about the emergency; and  
21 (d) Duration of the state of emergency, if **declared by the governor and** less than 21  
22 days, **or if declared by the general court and less than 90 days.**

23 II.(a) A state of emergency shall terminate automatically 21 days after its declaration **if**  
24 **declared by the governor, or 90 days after its declaration if declared by the general court,**  
25 unless it is renewed under the same procedures set forth in paragraph I of this section. The  
26 governor may, by executive order, renew a declaration of a state of emergency [~~as many times as~~] **no**  
27 **more than 3 times if** the governor finds **it** is necessary to protect the safety and welfare of the  
28 inhabitants of this state. **The general court may, by concurrent resolution, renew a**  
29 **declaration of a state of emergency as many times as it finds is necessary to protect the**  
30 **safety and welfare of the inhabitants of this state.**

31 (b) If the governor finds that maintaining the state of emergency is no longer justified,  
32 the governor shall issue an executive order terminating the state of emergency.

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**AMENDED ANALYSIS**

This bill revises the authority of the governor and general court to declare, renew, or terminate a state of emergency.